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SUBJECT: URGING RUSSIA TO LIFT HOLDS IN THE UN 1518
COMMITTEE ON 6 FORMER REGIME ELEMENTS LINKED TO SADDAM
HUSSEIN

REF: 2007 STATE 138972

11. (U) This is an action request. Please see para 4.

BACKGROUND

12. (SBU) On October 22, 2007, pursuant to UNSCR 1483, we proposed for listing by the UN 1518 Committee 6 former regime elements (FRE) linked to Saddam Hussein. All 6 individuals (see para 3 for additional details) are well known, 5 of the 6 were known to be residing in Syria, and the Central Criminal Court of Iraq has issued arrest warrants for 3 of these individuals. Russia placed a hold on the listing request, which was co-sponsored by the Government of Iraq (and the UK). We have been told repeatedly by Russian officials that their hold was purely "technical." As the criteria for listing under 1483 is very straight-forward and these six individuals are very well known, we do not know why Russia maintains its hold on our listing request unless: 1) Russia does not wish to support the continued use of the UNSC 1518 sanctions regime (Note: The Russian Mission to the UN had previously raised the possibility of winding-down the UN 1518 sanctions committee); or, 2) Russia placed the hold based on political sensitivity to the connection of several of these individuals to Syria.

13. (SBU) The following individuals were proposed for listing by the UN 1518 Committee:

(1) HASAN HASHIM KHALAF AL DULAYMI

AKA: WISSAM, Abu
DOB: 1942
POB: Baghdad, Iraq
Nationality: Iraqi
Address: 30th Street, Al-Yarmuk Area of Jadat Al-Jaysh
District of Damascus, Syria
Alternate Address: House #43, Lane #17, Subdivision #808,
Al-Dawrah, Baghdad, Iraq

(2) AHMED WATBAN IBRAHIM HASAN AL-TIKRITI

AKA: AL-TIKRITI, Ahmad Watban Ibrahim Hasan
AKA: MUHAWDAR, 'Imad 'Udi
DOB: 1975
ALT DOB: 1979
POB: Baghdad, Iraq
Nationality: Iraqi
Address: Al-Ra'is building, Mina Street, Tartus City,
Tartus Province, Syria
Address: Jirmanah neighborhood, Damascus, Syria
Address: Al-Hadda Hotel, Sana'a, Yemen

(3) AHMAD MUHAMMAD YUNIS AL-AHMAD

AKA: AL-BADANI, Ahmad Muhammad Mahmud 'Abdallah
AKA: AL-BARRANI, Ahmad Muhammad Al-Abdullah
Nationality: Iraqi
DOB: September 19, 1978
POB: Al-Anbar, Iraq
Passport number: 347417, expiration February 19, 2011
Passport number: H0347417, expiration February 19, 2011
Date of Issue: February 20, 2003
Place of Issue: Al-Anbar, Iraq
Address: Al-Mazzah Al-Jabal District, 6 Subdistrict, 3
area, Al-Iskan complex 40/2, Fifth floor Damascus, Syria

(4) SA'AD MUHAMMAD YUNIS AL-AHMAD

DOB: Jan 1, 1981
POB: Baghdad
Nationality: Iraqi
Iraq National ID: 159014
Address: Damascus, Syria

(5) THABET AL-DURI

DOB: 1943 or 1944
POB: Dur, Iraq
Address: Karkh District, Baghdad, Iraq
Address: Rukan al-Din, Syria

(6) HATEM HAMDAN AL-AZAWI

DOB: circa 1937
Address: Diyali, Al-Khalis Sector, Iraq
Address: Deli Abbas, Iraq

END LIST

ACTION REQUEST

¶3. (SBU) Embassy Moscow and USUN are requested to approach Russian counterparts at the appropriate level to inquire why the GOR maintains its holds on our October 2007 listing request to the UN 1518 Committee. Action addressees should underscore that the criteria for listing under UNSCR 1483 are very clear-cut and these 6 individuals clearly meet the criteria. Action addressees should make clear that if Russia continues to maintain its holds, we would like to know the reason and should inquire whether it is related to sensitivity over Syria links, or whether the GOR does not support continued use of the 1518 regime to sanction former regime elements linked to Saddam Hussein.

REPORTING DEADLINE

¶4. (U) Action addressees should report substantive responses to this demarche by August 9, 2008.

POINT OF CONTACT

¶5. (U) Questions may be directed to IO/PSC (Erin Crowe, 202-736-7847).
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